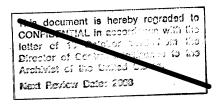
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- the Yugoslav Govornment deliboratly lied in connection with the frontier 25X1X6 crossing attempt made by General Arsa Jovanovic and his three comrades. Jovanovic and the three who accompanied him were actually arrested in Belgrade and taken by the police to the Yugoslav-Rumanian frontier where all four were killed. The well-known story of his attempted escape to Rumania was then released.
- 2. Jovenovic was the Soviet choice to replace Marshal Tito, and had come from Moscow expressly for this mission. Jovanovic's death has caused disunity in Montenegro and in the Yugoslav Army where he was very popular.
- 3. Meanwhile, the antagonistic feeling toward the Tito regime is increasing. The Soviet Embassy is aiding and organizing cadres among the anti-Tito elements, and it is the opinion that Tito will be removed and hanged before the end of the year. 25X1X6

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